

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 851 without my signature.

This bill is intended to combine procurement statutes of the Los Angeles Transportation Commission and the Southern California Rapid Transit District, which merged in 1992. However, it includes provisions that allow for noncompetitive bidding which are not included in the procurement statutes of either of the predecessor organizations.

Governments should operate within the constraints of reasonable disclosure requirements. I cannot support a measure that so greatly expands noncompetitive bidding.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger